# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF INTER DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH COLLABORATION
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have decided to set up inter-disciplinary research collaborations tailored to meet the national development agenda and open the premier engineering institutions to more foreign students at the post graduate and research levels; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have set up inter-disciplinary research collaborations tailored to meet the national development agenda. As per the decision taken in the 41st meeting of the Council of IITs, foreign students are allowed admission in IITs upto 20% on a supernumerary basis in post- graduate programmes and research activities without affecting the admission norms for the Indian students.